

Initial Setup Walkthrough: Public Applicant Portal City of Bellaire – Development Services 2021

#### Overview:

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is a basic guide developed to assist with general account setup. For more detailed assistance, please refer to the wiki at the following link:

https://help.dudesolutions.com/Content/SmartGov/CitizenPortal/Citizen-Portal.htm

For any other questions contact the Development Services Department at (713) 662-8230 or by e-mail at inspections@bellairetx.gov.

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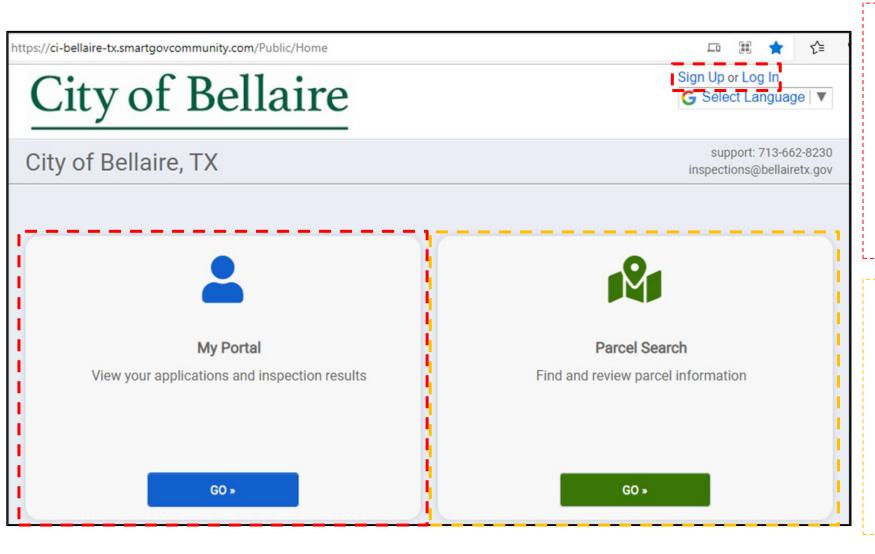
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#### The Portal for all requests through Development Services is located at the following URL: <a href="https://ci-bellaire-tx.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home">https://ci-bellaire-tx.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home</a>



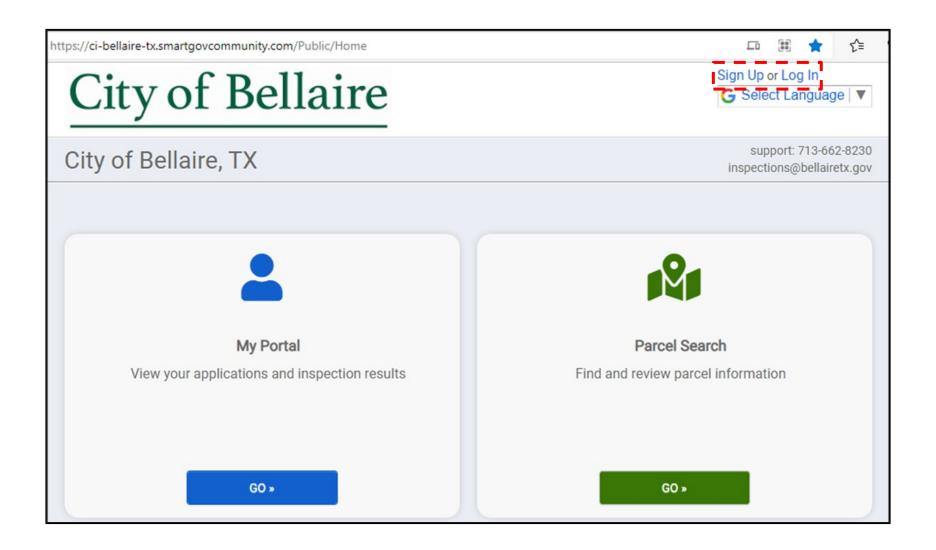
Use the MY PORTAL section to apply for permits and contractor registrations, schedule an inspection, and view inspection activity.

<u>Note</u>: Prior to utilizing all features of the portal; applicants must sign up for an account

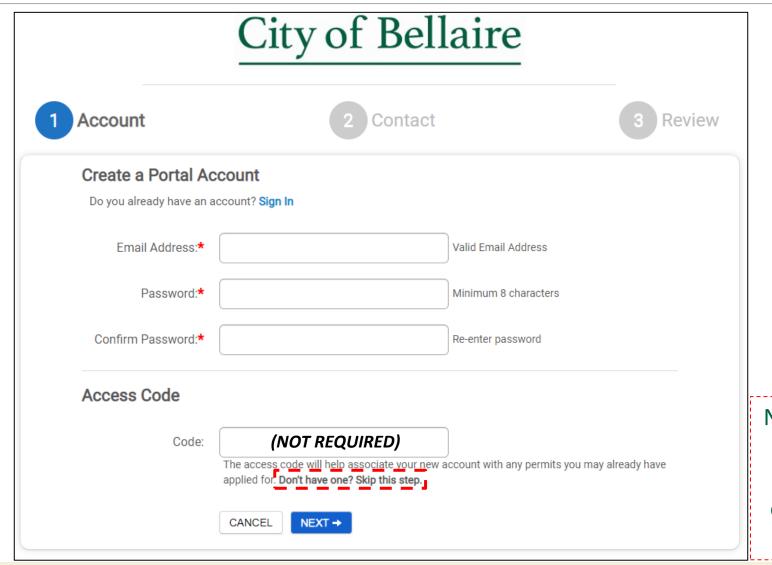
The **PARCEL SEARCH** section contains an interactive City map with Zoning and FIRM (flood category) information.

<u>Note</u>: The PARCEL SEARCH does not require registration and can be used without an account.

#### **Account Setup**

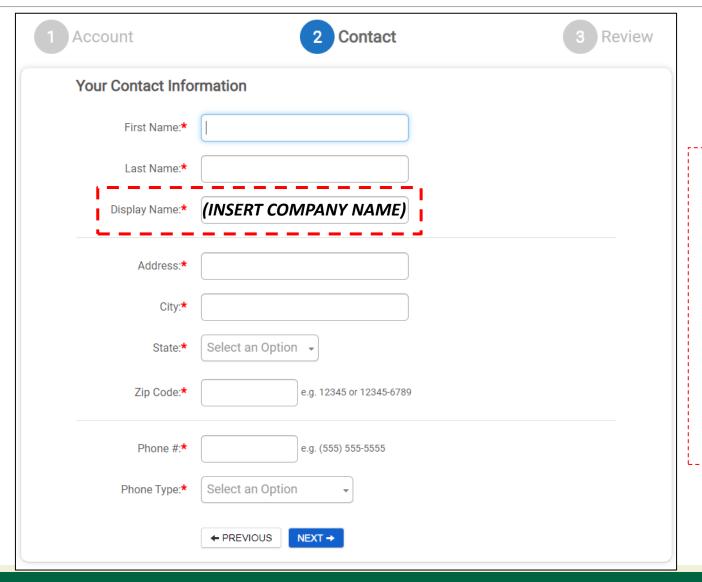


#### When setting up an account, ensure that you provide a monitored email address as this is where all communication will be sent.



NOTE: The Access Code is not required and is only when previously directed by the City of Bellaire

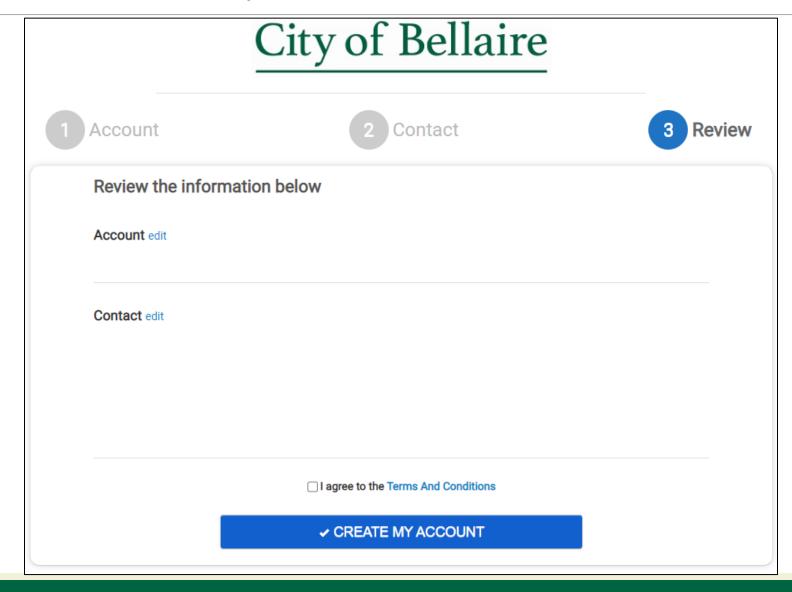
# Ensure the phone number listed is an active number that is available during business hours with availability to leave a message.



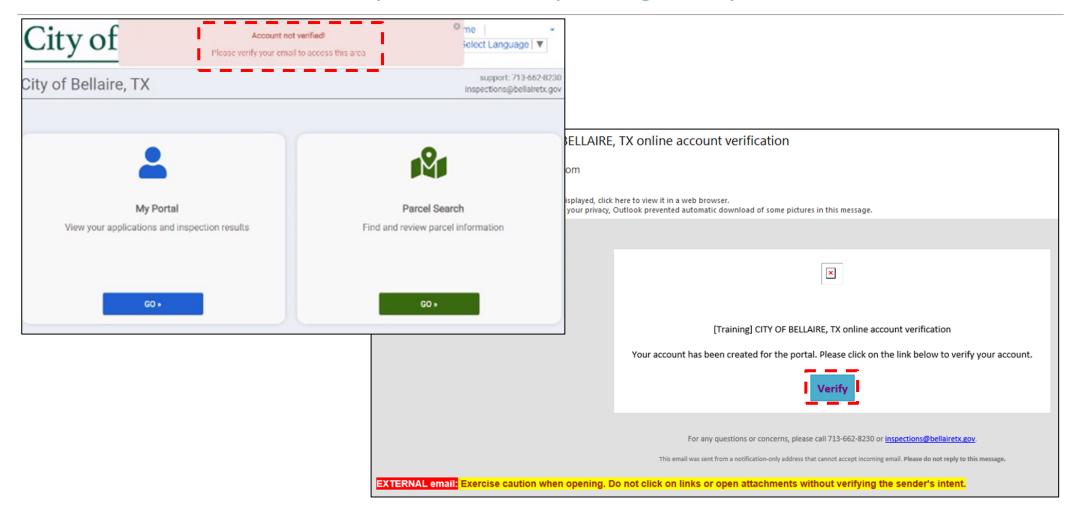
NOTE: The Display
Name must be the
name of the company,
not the individual. This
will auto populate with
first/last name and will
need to be updated

Please ensure that this is spelled correctly.

Before completing your account set up, you will have the option to correct any errors before final submission.



# After creating an account on the portal, the email address must be verified prior to completing a request.



# Once you have validated your email address, you should ensure email preferences are set to receive updates.

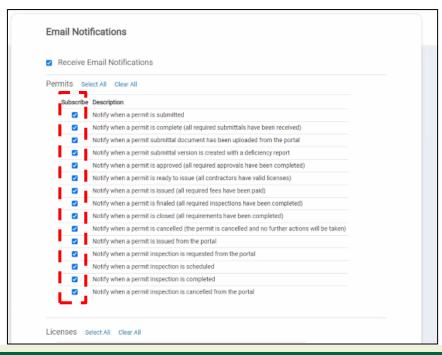
Step 1: Click Your Name in the upper right of the screen; then click "My Account"



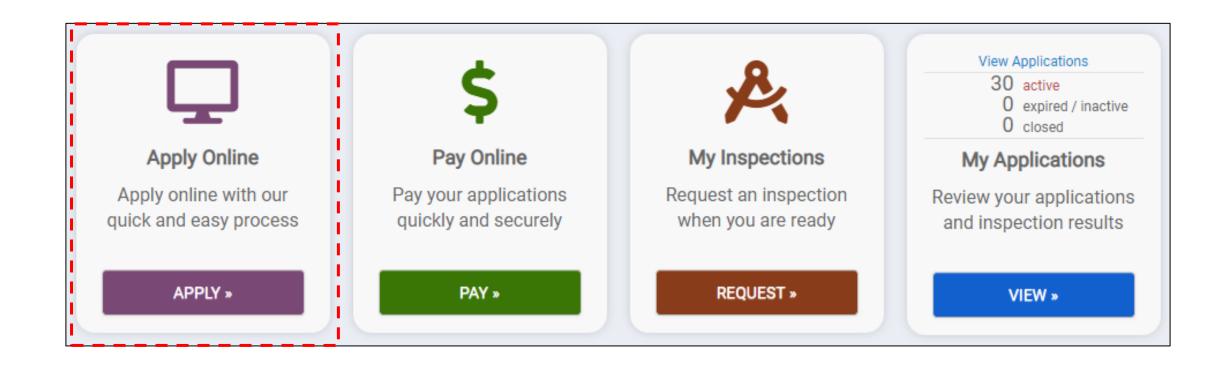
**Step 2: Click the link to checkout** 



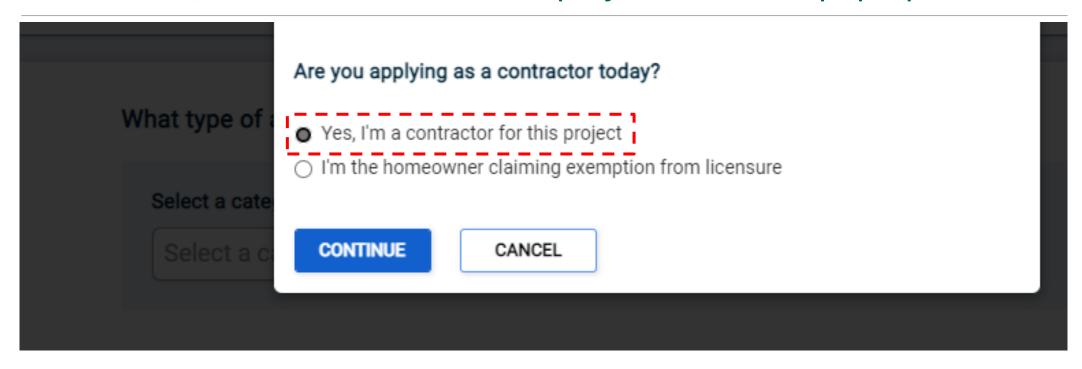
Step 3: Ensure the boxes are checked for the notification you would like to receive



#### **New Contractor Registration**

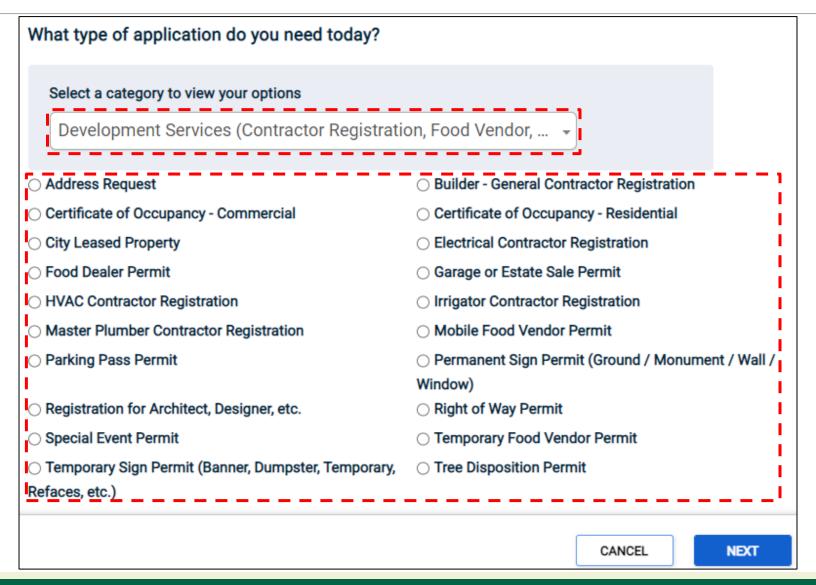


#### Select "Yes, I'm a contractor for this project" from the pop-up screen.

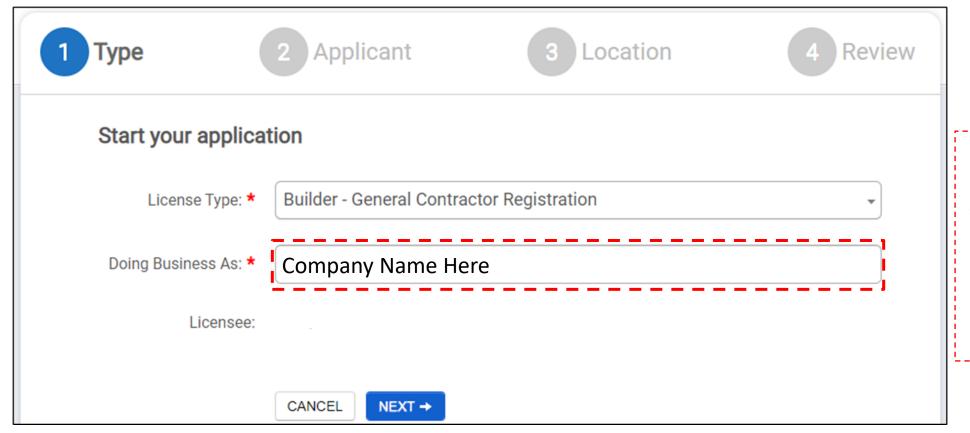


IMPORTANT NOTE: The homeowner exemption is for homeowners only. Falsifying this selection will result in your application being denied.

#### Select Development Services in the Category drop down menu. Then select the appropriate registration type from the Application menu



#### Confirm that the correct registration type was selected in License Type; Ensure Doing Business As is the same as your company name



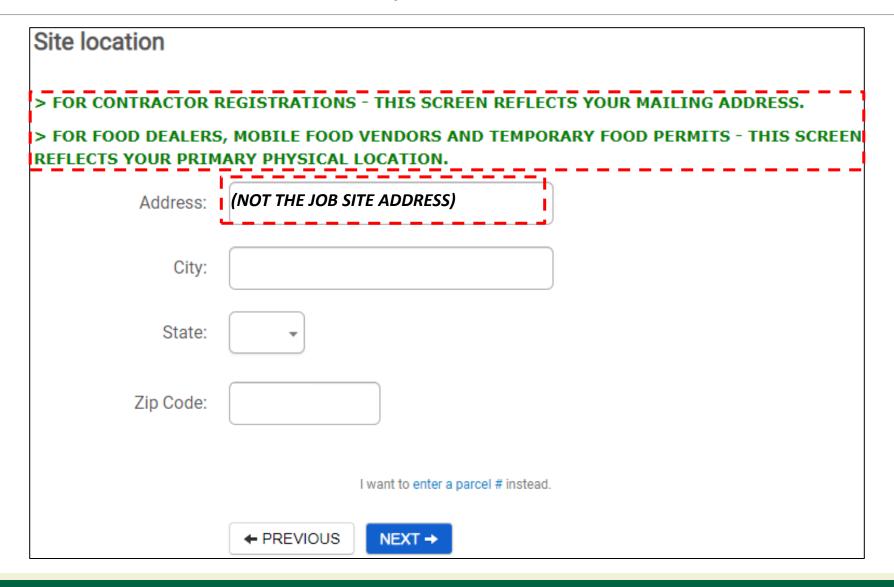
Note: Doing business as should be the same company name you have registered as

# When entering the Applicant details; ensure license number and expiration date are correct

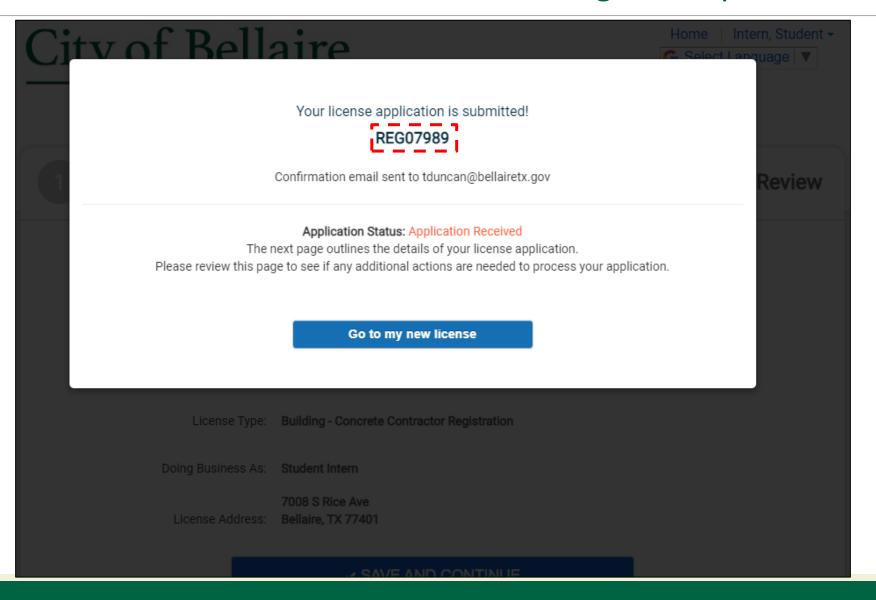
Applicant details	
Please confirm your details.	
Applicable State of Texas License Number or NA:*	
Applicable State License Expiration Date or 1/1/2000:*	
Company Name:*	
Company Daytime Phone Number:*	
Emergency Contact Phone Number:*	
Company Full Mailing	

Note: State registered contractors must input the state license numbers. General contractors should provide the drivers license number of the primary contractor.

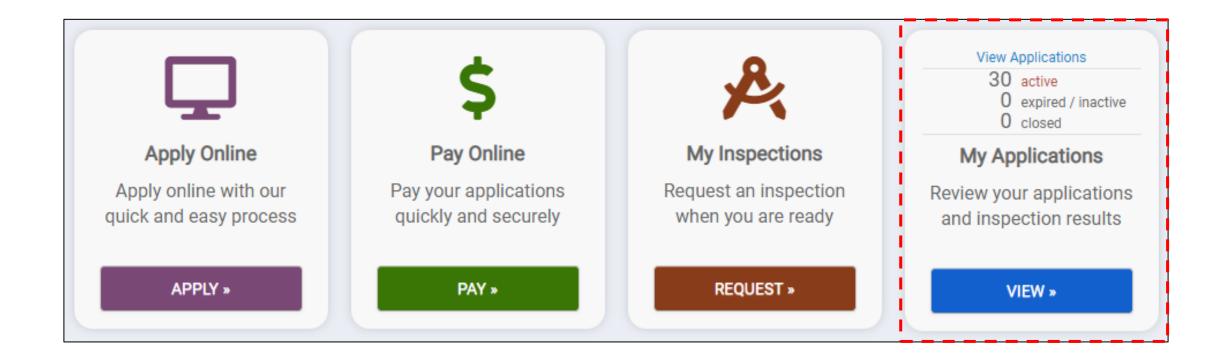
#### Follow the Prompts for Address Location



Once you have submitted the request, an application number will be provided. Ensure this number is available when contacting Development Services.

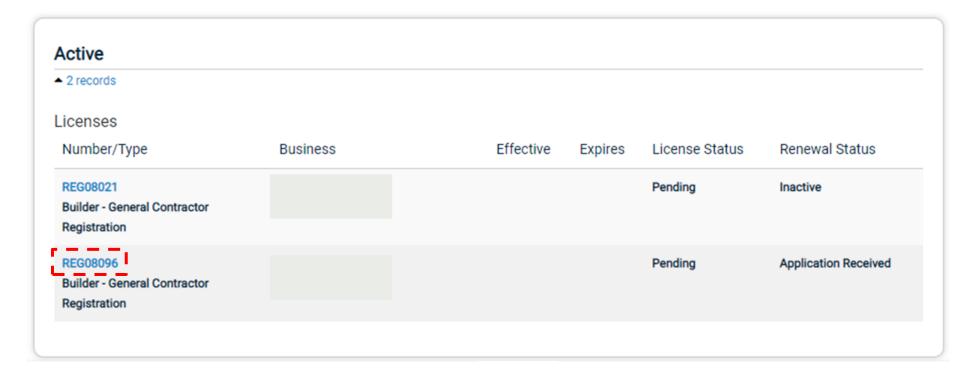


# In order to review any submitted applications, select the VIEW button on My Applications tab of the portal

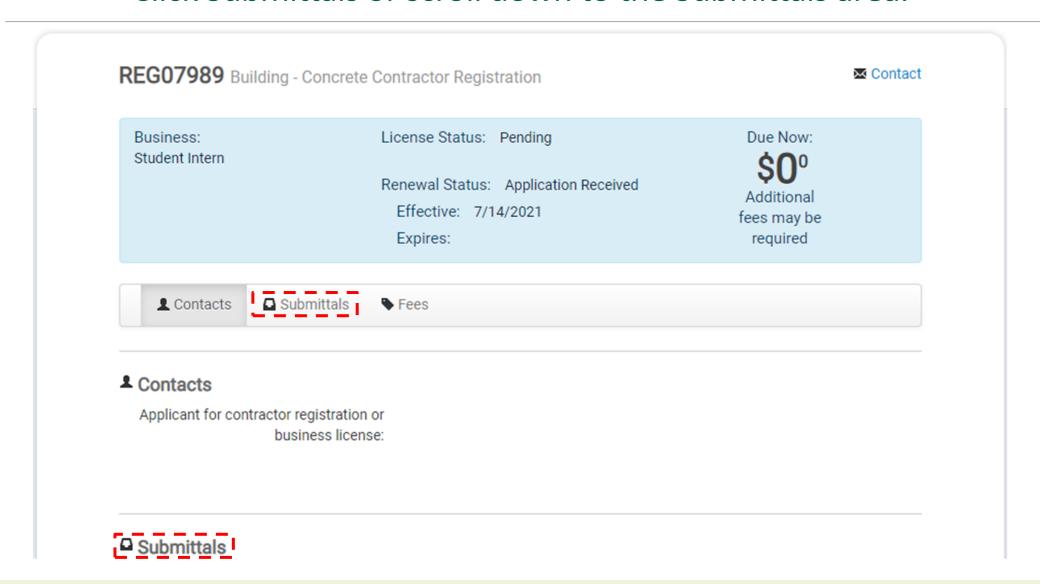


#### Click on the blue letters that match your request number

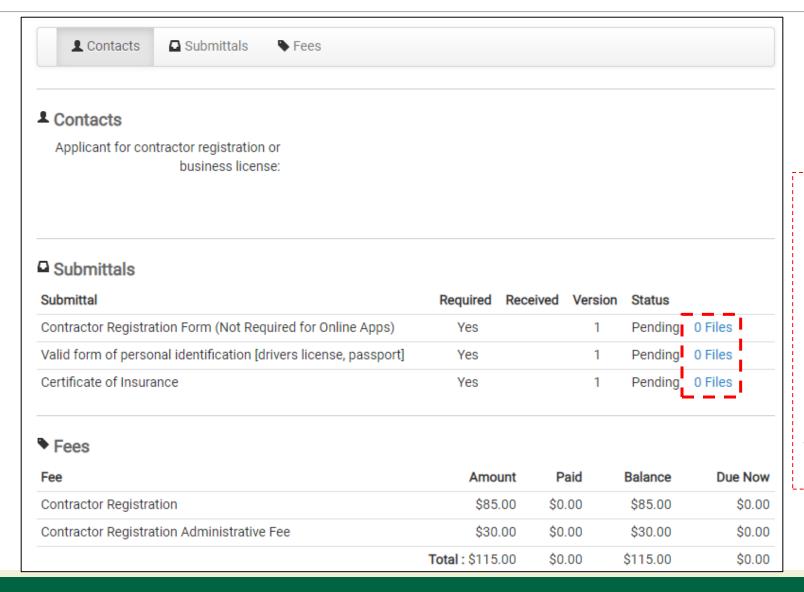
#### My Applications



#### Click Submittals or scroll down to the Submittals area.



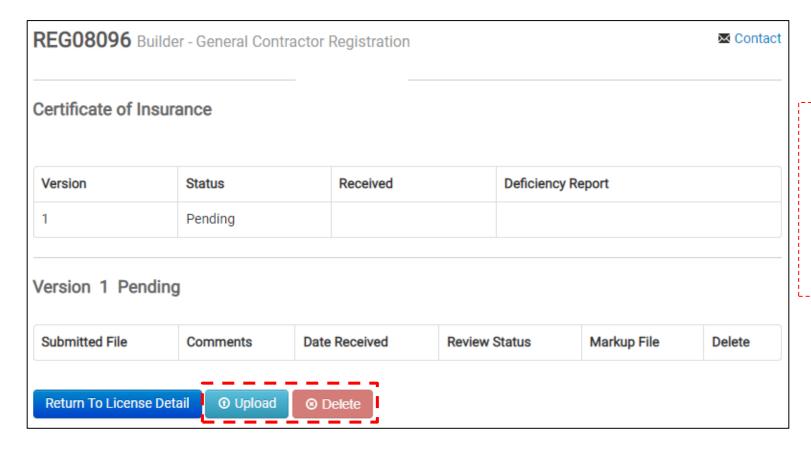
# After completing request, applicant must upload all required documents before Development Services can approve request.



Click on the blue 0
Files link. This will
take you to a file
upload screen.

If you have any issues uploading files, contact Development Services for assistance before proceeding.

#### IMPORTANT: Only upload one file for each submittal. Combine all documents into one PDF file.



If you do not see an
Upload or Delete
button, contact
Development Services
for assistance before
proceeding.

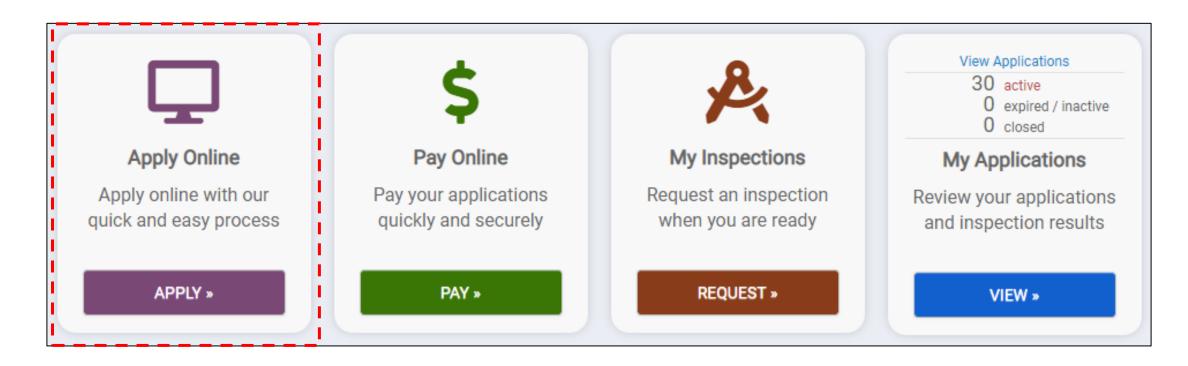
#### After Uploading All Required Documents, Contact Development Services

IMPORTANT: After completing registration requests, your license registration must be verified prior to being able to request permits.

Phone: (713) 662-8230 or

E-mail: inspections@bellairetx.gov

#### **Building / Service / Zoning Requests**

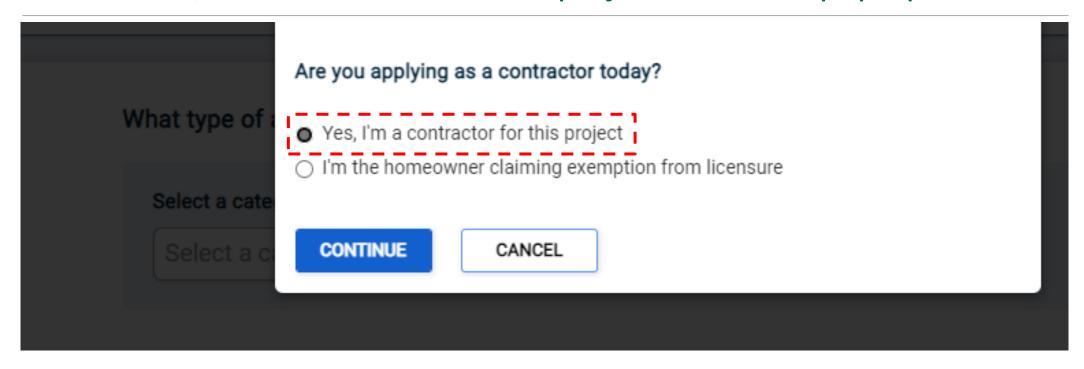


IMPORTANT: For Contractors, after completing registration requests, your license registration must be verified prior to being able to request permits.

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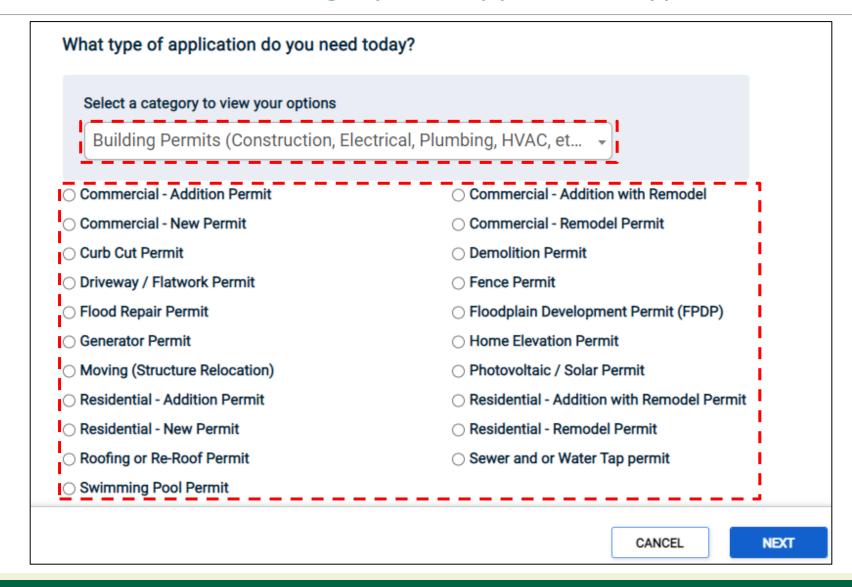
E-mail: inspections@bellairetx.gov

#### Select "Yes, I'm a contractor for this project" from the pop-up screen.



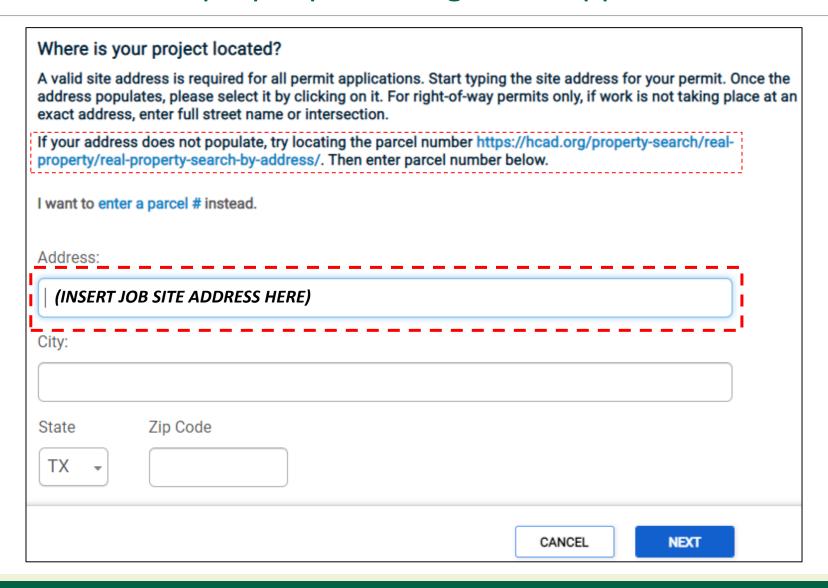
IMPORTANT NOTE: The homeowner exemption is for homeowners only. Falsifying this selection will result in your application being denied.

#### Select Category and Application Type

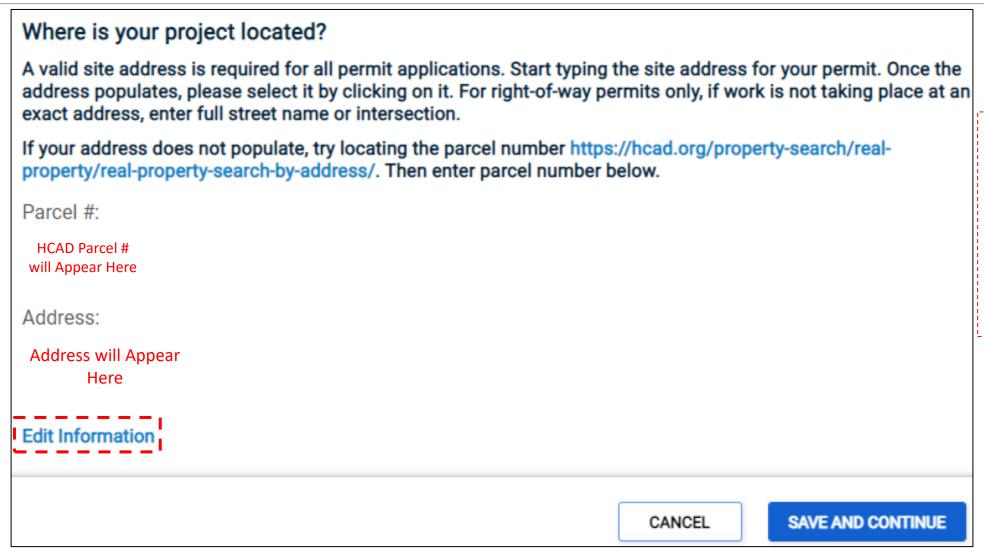


If the drop down does not show Building Permits as a Category, return to the previous section and ensure contractor registration is complete.

# Enter the job site address. Follow the instructions on the screen to ensure proper processing of the application.

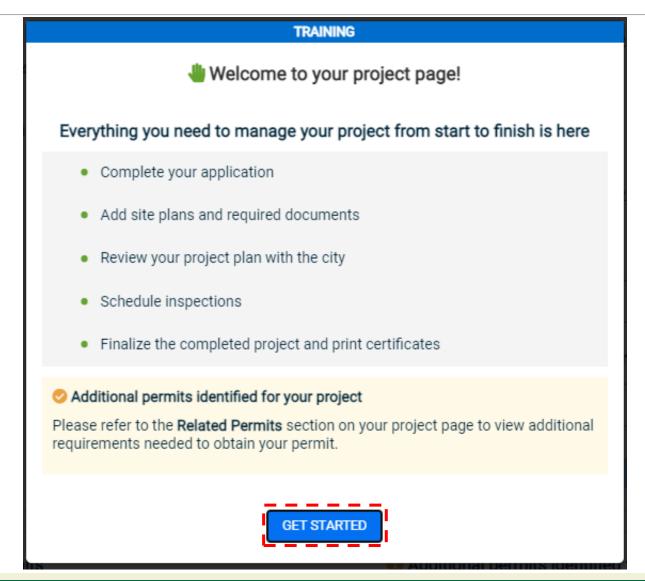


# After Selecting a HCAD listed address, the parcel information will auto populate. Verify the information for accuracy before continuing.

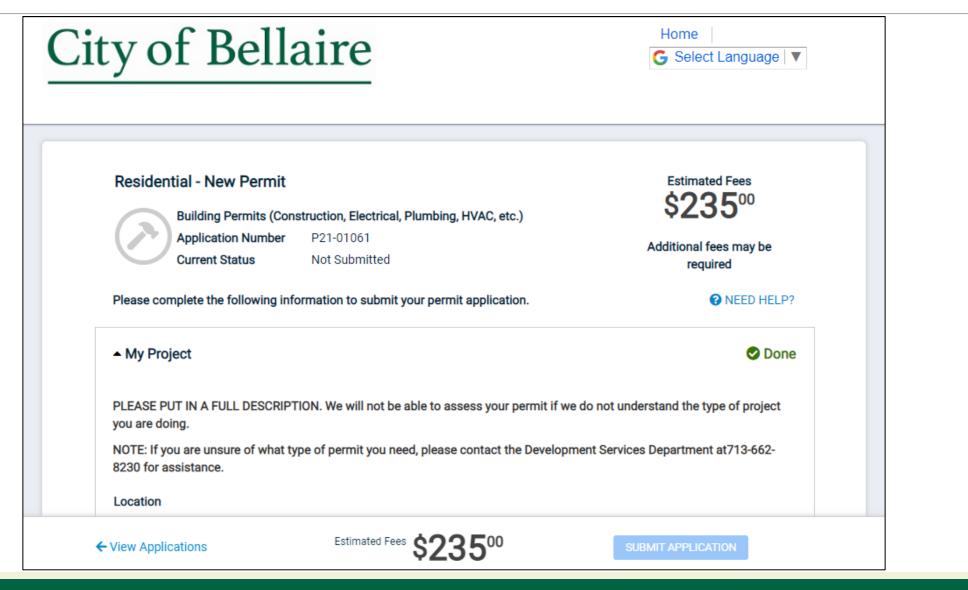


If this information is incorrect, edit the information before continuing.

# After confirming the address, the portal will bring you to your application screen. Follow the onscreen instructions.



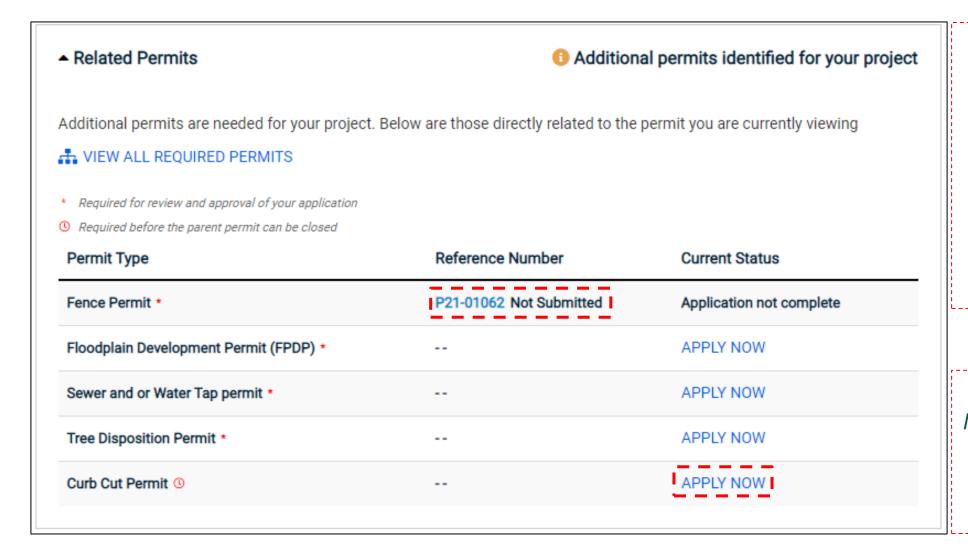
# For the site location, ensure you select the auto corrected address that best matches your request



# Scroll down to the My Project drop down and expand the section. Fill out all required information before continuing. Then click save.



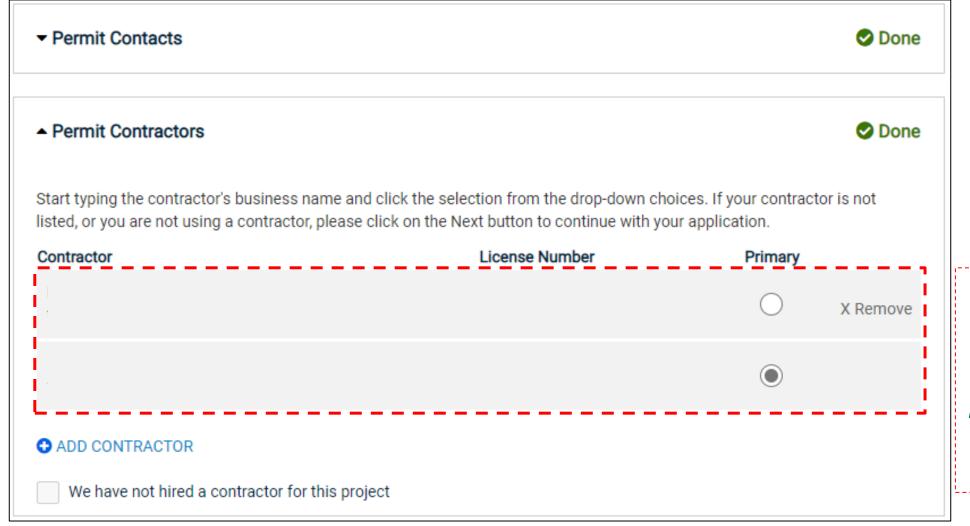
# Scroll down to the Related Permits drop down and expand the section. Required permits must be submitted prior to permit issuance.



If you do not see a subordinate permit that you have submitted, contact Development Services.

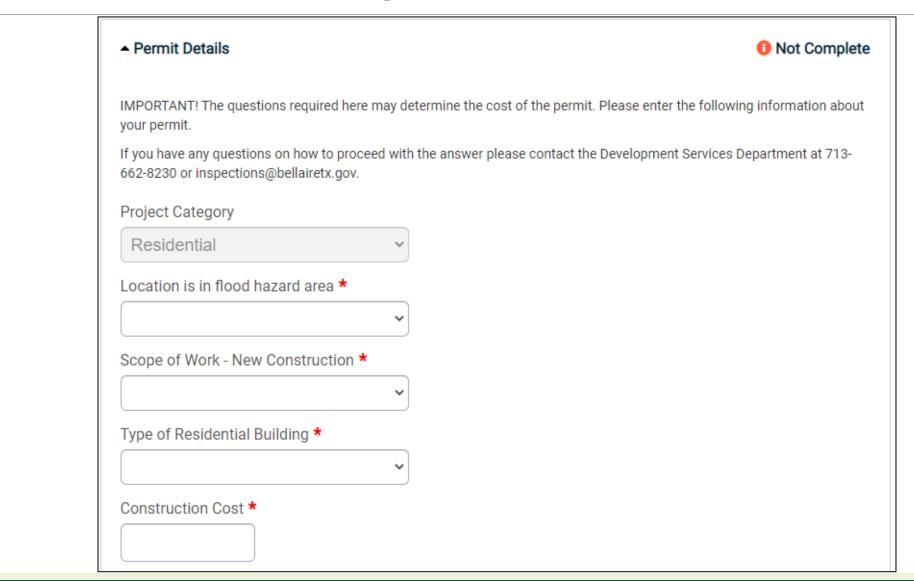
Click APPLY
NOW to create
a sub permit
from this
screen.

# Scroll down and verify the permit Contacts (if necessary). Expand the Permit Contractors section and verify all contractor information.



Contractor
Registration
and
Insurance
must both be
listed
separately.

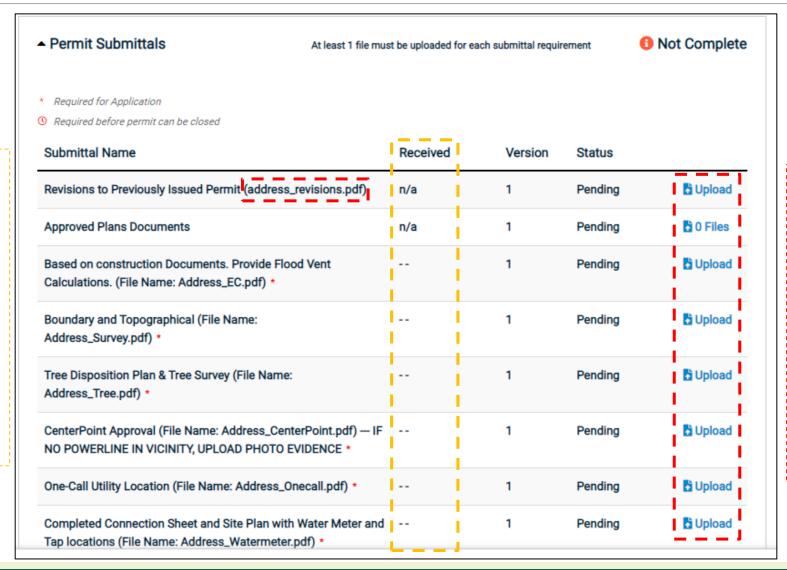
# Scroll down and expand the Permit Details. Double check all information before saving as these details will affect fee amounts.



Note: Do not add figures such as dollar signs or percent signs

# After completing request, applicant must upload all required documents before Development Services can approve request.

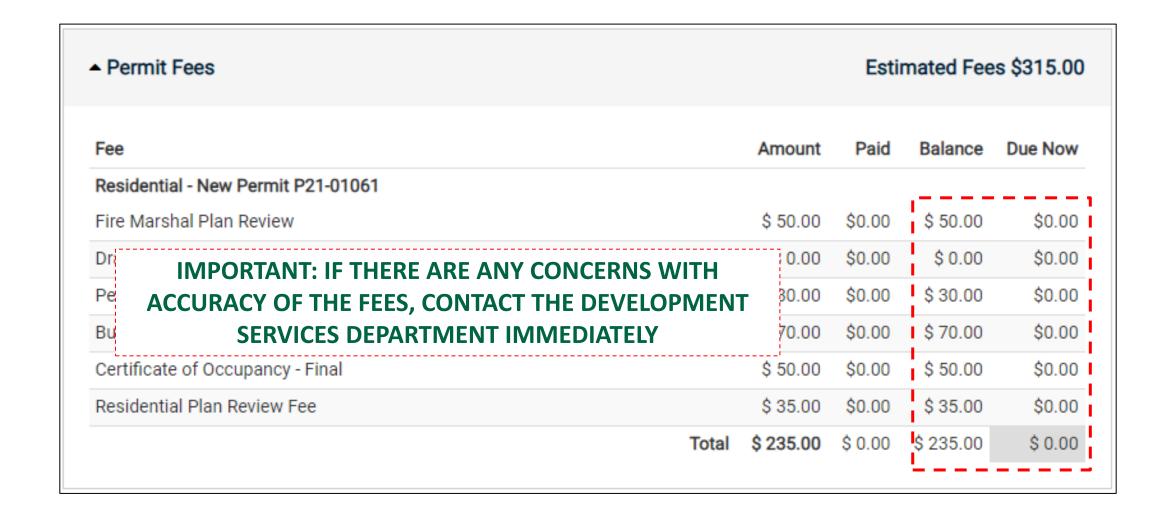
Documents with an "n/a" in the Received column are not required for submittal, all documents with a "--" in the Received column must have a file uploaded prior to submittal.



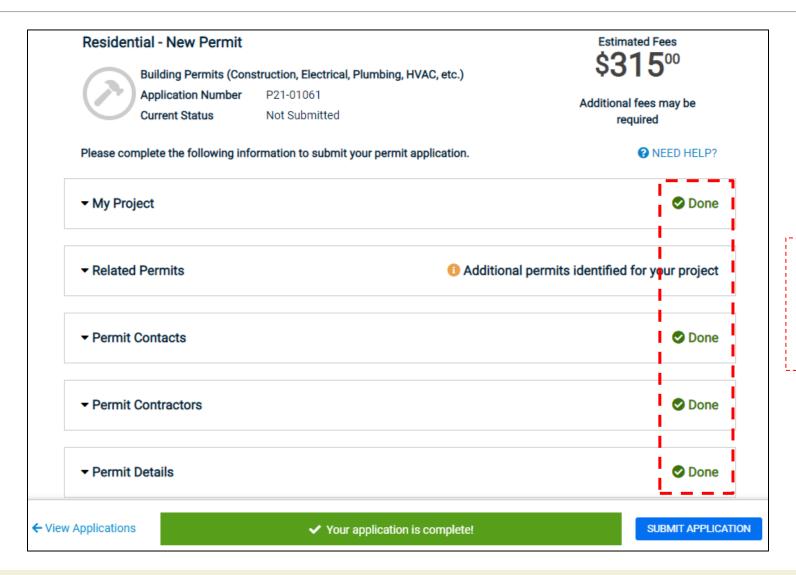
Click on the blue
Upload word. This
will take you to a file
upload screen.

Only submit one file per requirement. File must be named as described in Submittal Name.

Once required documents have been uploaded and processed, fee details will populate in the fee portion of the application as well as in the fees tab

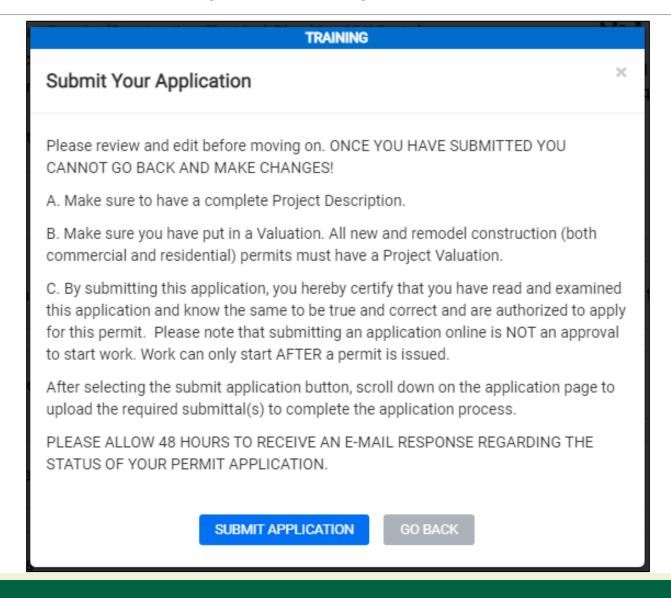


# Once all required details have been provided and all Submittal Document have been uploaded, you will be able to submit your application.

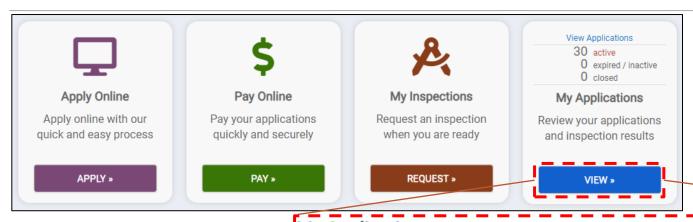


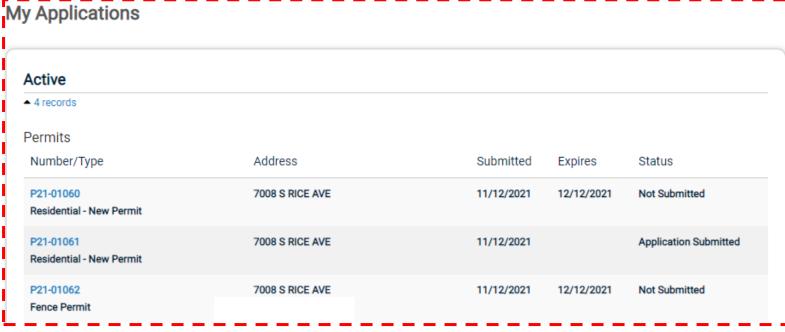
A green check mark and the word Done will show up on completed sections.

# After clicking Submit Application, a pop-up will display. Note the 48-hour expected response window.

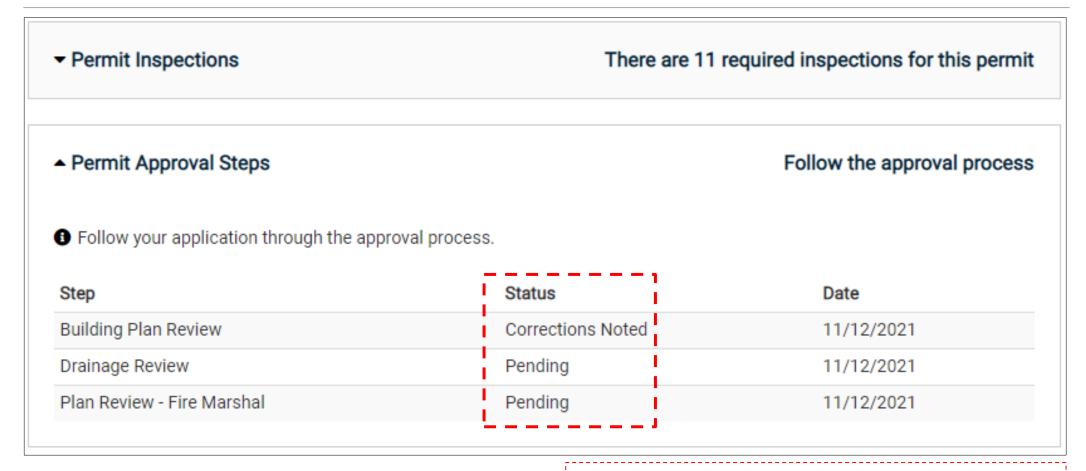


#### You can return to your application from the My Applications Tab





# The Permit Approval Steps section of the permit will show the status of the approvals.



If deficiencies are noted but you do not receive an email or notification of the details, contact Development Services.

### **Fee Payment**

IMPORTANT: IF THERE ARE ANY CONCERNS WITH ACCURACY OF THE FEES, CONTACT THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY

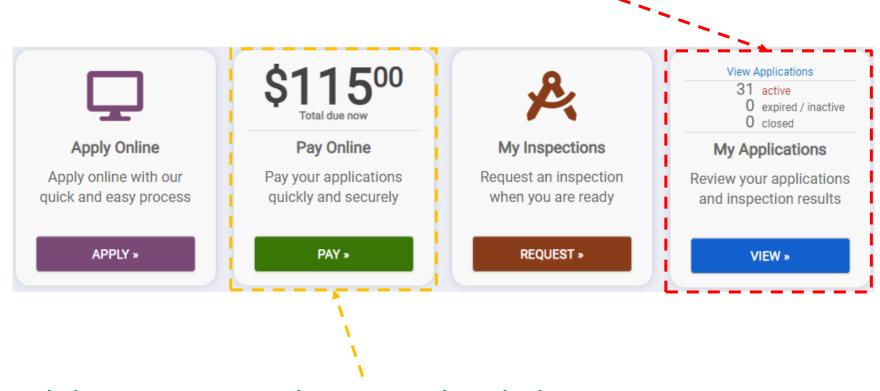
Note: For any questions regarding payment of fees, contact development

services at the below phone number or email address.

Phone: (713) 662-8230 or

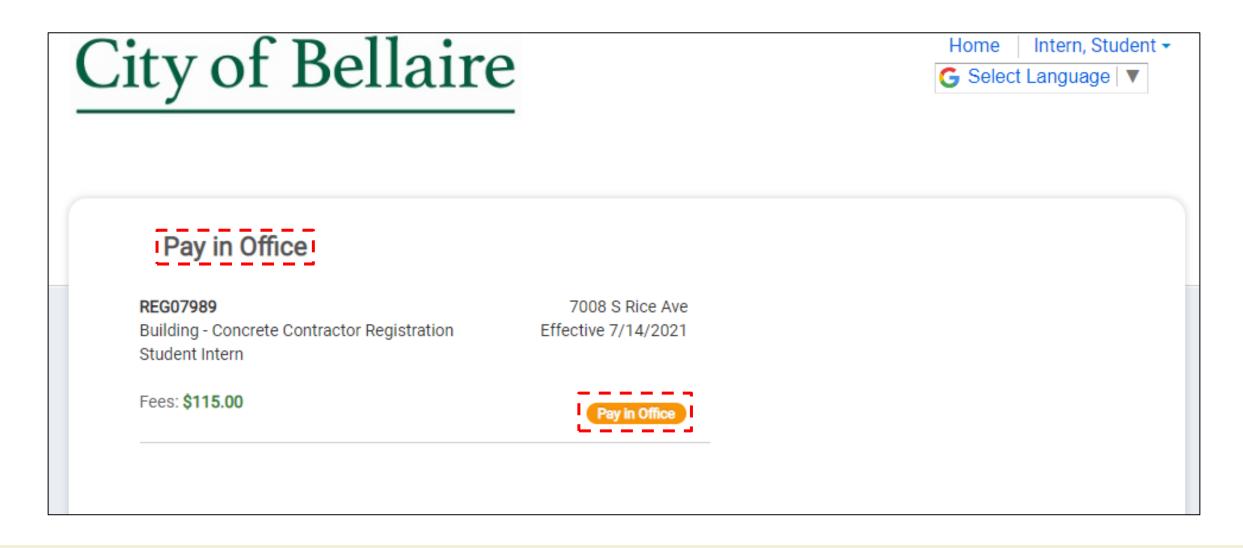
E-mail: inspections@bellairetx.gov.

Prior to seeing a payment, applicants must be approved by Development Services. Status of applications will update real time in My Applications.



Total due appears in the Pay Online link. VERIFY THE FEE AMOUNT IS CORRECT. Then: Click the link for details on required payments.

If you see "Pay in Office", contact development service by phone at (713) 662-8230 or by E-mail at inspections@bellairetx.gov.



#### If you see the option to pay online follow the steps below.

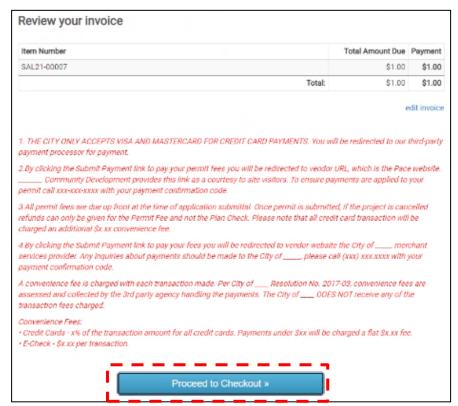
### Step 1: Click add to add the fee to your cart



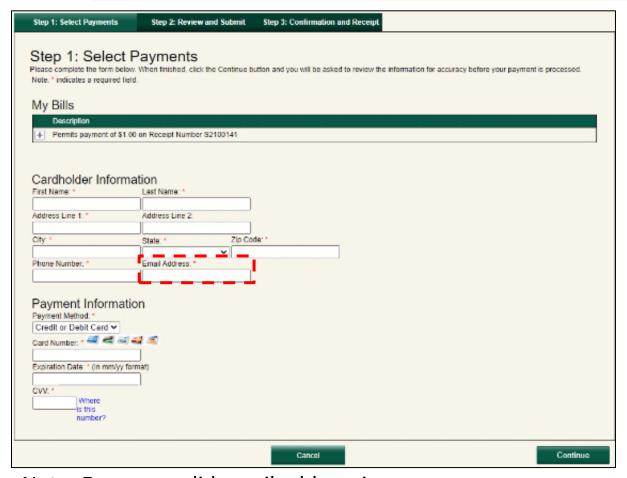
#### **Step 2: Click the link to checkout**

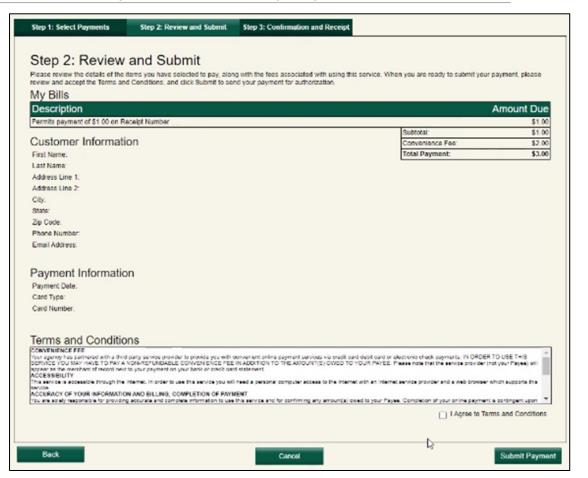


#### Step 3: Click the second "Proceed to Checkout >>" link



# Follow the steps on the payment website and you will be redirected back to the Portal once you have completed the payment



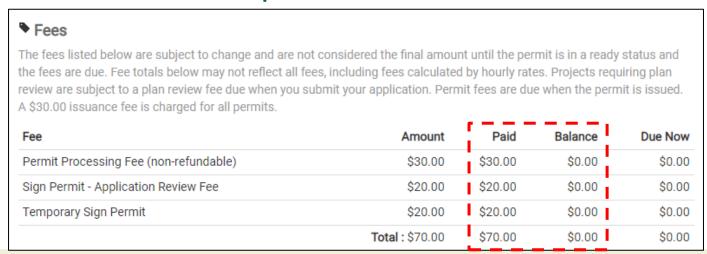


Note: Ensure a valid email address is used and maintain the receipt

### After a payment has been made, you will receive a payment confirmation on the Portal.



# Additionally, payment confirmation can be viewed in the My Applications tab of the portal under the associated request.



### **Inspection Requests**

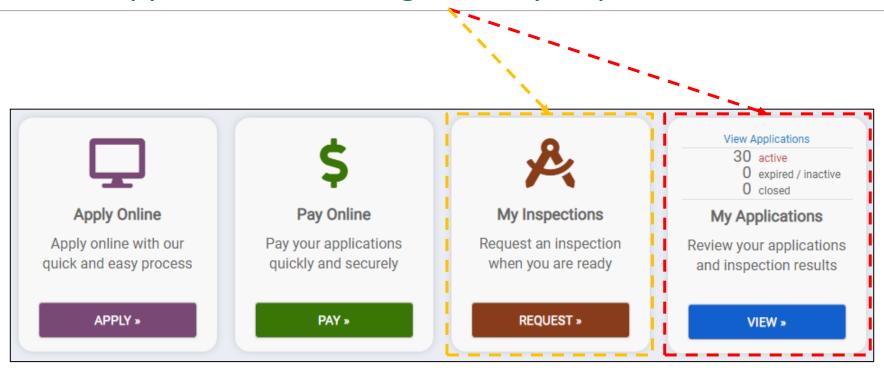
Note: Prior to requesting an inspection, all fees must be paid, licenses must

be valid (not expired), and permits must be ISSUED (not pending)

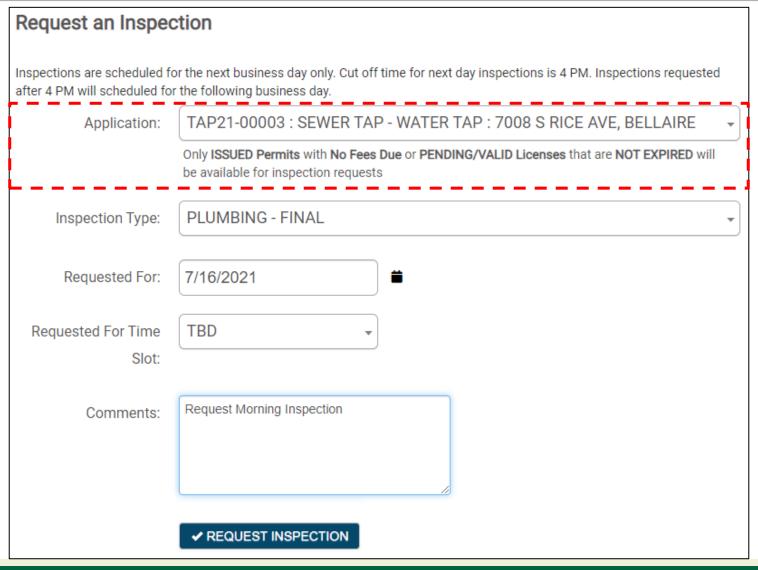
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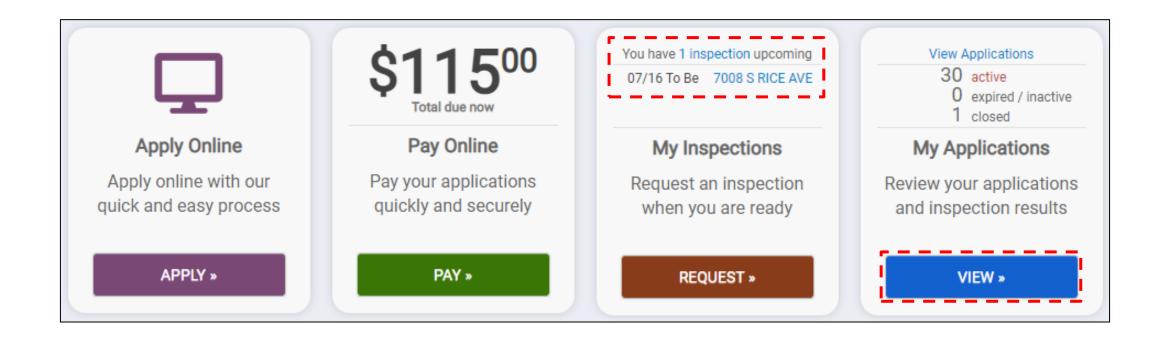
Inspections may be made through the Permit Inspections section of the application or through the My Inspections section.



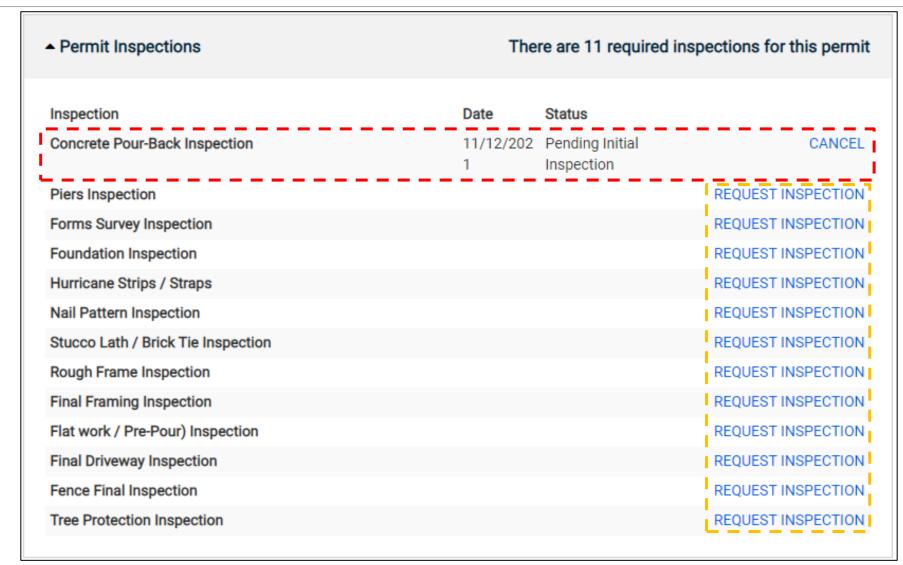
Inspection requests cannot be made until the associated Permit Request has been issued. Inspections will not be conducted without issuance of a permit.



After an inspection request has been made, coordinating information can be seen on the My Inspections tab as well as in the details for the application associated with the inspection



# Inspections Details in the My Applications tab will show up in the Request in which the inspection was associated with



Un-requested inspection may be requested through this section as well.